

Lebanon 1958

<u>Date Initiated</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Source</u>
1. May 14, 1958	6th Fleet Marines contingent doubled;	N.Y. Times 15 May p. 1
2. May 14, 1958	additional forces, police equipment to E. Mediterranean; sent to Lebanon by airlift	"Strategic Air Command"
3. June 9, 1958	2nd Fleet (17,000 men, 2100 Naval Academy & NROTC, 43 ships) continued Exercise LANTFLEX 1-58 in N. Atlantic & North Sea	"Strategic Air Command"
4. July 14, 1958	U.S. Forces worldwide put on alert; 6th Fleet moved toward Lebanon	History of 6th Fleet, May 5, 1959
5. July 14, 1958 (?)	SAC 1000 planes ready for takeoff as part of alert.	"Strategic Air Command"
6. July 14, 1958	U.S. Army - First Airborne Battle Group airlifted from Germany to Beirut;	History of 6th Fleet, May 5, 1959
7. July 14, 1958	U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Command's Composite Air Task Force (100 fighters, bombers & fighter-bombers) arrive at Adana, Turkey.	"
8. July 14, 1958 (?)	Eisenhower orders into Lebanon 3 reinforced battalions from 2nd Division afloat with 6th Fleet	USMC Chronology Vol. III p. 38
9. July 15, 1958	Sixth Fleet aircraft--11,000 sorties to support operation; aerial photo reconnaissance;	6th Fleet History May 5, 1959
10. July 15, 1958	5,000 U.S. Marines land in Lebanon (includes 6th Marines, 3rd Battalion) (eventually total of 14,000)	"Short of War" document. bibliog., U.S. Navy
11. July 15, 1958	U.S. Navy <u>Wasp</u> (CVS), <u>Essex</u> (CVA), <u>Saratoga</u> (CVA) arrive in striking distance; Navy: includes amphibious, carrier air, cruisers, destroyers, Mobile Logistics Support	"
12. July 15, 1958	50 ships (joined by ^{CVA} Forrestal & Randolph) 4 Marine Battalions, 8,000 soldiers	Polmar, p. 604
13. July 15, 1958	USAFE, including 317th Troop Carrier Wing airlift of 2,000 troops, 7,400 passengers from Germany to Lebanon, 4 1/2 million tons of equipment.	"Hist. Highlights USAFE" 317th Hist. July-Dec. 1958.
July 15, 1958	U.S. Army (?)	

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14. July 15, 1958	2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines land at Beirut	USMC Chronology, Vol III, p. 38
15. July 15, 1958	2nd Bat. 8th Marines--800 men airlifted from N.Carolina to Lebanon	"
16. July 15, 1958	2nd Division, USMC elements at Camp Lejeune, N.C. alerted for deployment, but did not deploy	"
17. July 16, 1958	3rd Bat. 6th Marines land in Beirut	"
18. July 18, 1958	Battalion Landing Team 1/8 land in Beirut (1/8 = 1st Battalion, 8th Regiment)	"
19. July 19, 1958	Landing Team 2/8 & Transport Squadron 252 land in Lebanon	"
20. July 19, 1958	Army Task Force 201 Echelon A air transported to Lebanon	"Strategic Air Command"
21. July 20-26, 58	Army Task Force 201 Echelon C airtransported to Lebanon	"
22. July 21, 1958	Battalion Landing Team 3/3 deployed to Lebanon but did not land	USMC Chronology, Vol. III p. 38
23. July 29, 1958	U.S. Army 29th Airborne brigade relieves Bat.Landing Team/9 at Beirut airport; BLT/9 redeployed in Beirut.	"
24. July, 1958	12 C-130's from Ardmore AFB, Okla. airlift & logistical support to Adana, Turkey	IUCPS "Mid East Alert"
25. July 1958	TAC Composite Strike ^{Force} flew from E.coast bases to Adana, Turkey (Force = B-66's & B-57's)	"
26. July, 1958	Langley AFB tactical bombers, aerial tankers sent in waves to M.East	"
27. July, 1958	SAC & Cont.Air Defense units alerted to "improved readiness status"	"
28. July, 1958	MATS C-124's (troop carriers) flown from Donaldson AFB, S.Carolina to undisclosed location	"

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29. Aug. 5, 1958	Army Task Force 201 Echelons D & E water transported to Lebanon; Army Task Force 201 Echelon B held in Germany as reserve	"Strategic Air Command"
30. Aug. 14, 1958	2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines withdrawn from Lebanon, but kept in Mediterranean	USMC Chronology, Vol. III, p. 38
31. Sept. 15, 1958	Battalions Landing Teams 1/8 & 2/8 (USMC) withdrawn from Lebanon & returned to U.S.	"
32. Sept. 29, 1958	Regimental Landing Team 6 (BLT/6 & HQ Staff) arrive in Lebanon	"
33. Oct. 18, 1958	Reg. Landing Team/6 departs Lebanon	"
34. Oct. 28, 1958	Last U.S. troops leave	"Strategic Air Command"
35. No date	1 Battery, 1 st. Battalion, 12th Marines plus BLT 3/3 "ordered to Persian Gulf to prepare for landings in either Iran or Saudi Arabia in the event the Lebanon crisis spread."	Brief History of 12th Marines p. 38

By July 25

At least 4000 USA + 6600 USMC
(total 10,600)

Murphy
Diplomat Among
Warriors p. 400

Specific Military Actions

Incident: Lebanon, 58

Date:

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Unit	Actions	Initiated	Terminated	Revealing Source
U.S. Marines 5,000 US Army? <u>over</u> US Navy * Wasp (CVS) Essex (CVA) Saratoga (CVT) 50 ships (joined by San Antonio Randolph) * includes 6th Marines, 3rd Battalion 5,400 Navy * amphibious, carrier air, cruisers, destroyers, Mobile Logistics Support carrier Saratoga, U.S. Forces worldwide Sixth Fleet	land in Lebanon arrive in striking distance put on alert moved toward Lebanon	15 July 58 14 July, 58	25 Oct 58	"Short of War" documentation bibliog, US Navy (see for references) Special List #1 Polmar, 604
US Army - First Airborne Battle Group	airlifted from Germany to Beirut			
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SAC - 1000 planes additional forces Police equipment <u>Source:</u> last U.S. troops leave <u>over</u>	to E. Med sent to Lebanon by airlift	14 May, 58	Flm 26 Oct, 58	"Strategic Air Command"

Second Fleet (17,000 men, 4,100
Naval Academy & NKOTC,
43 ships)

continued Exercise LANTFLEX 1-58 ✓ 9 June, 58
in N. Atlantic & ~~Baltic~~ N. Sea

Aug 58

322d Air Division

Army Task Force 201

echelon A (1bnt+)

air transported to Lebanon

19 July, 58

echelon B (1bnt+)

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20-26 July, 58

echelon D (2bnt+) & E (1bnt+)

water transported to Lebanon

5 Aug, 58

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Germany

air attacks?

IOCPs

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"Hist Highlights USAFE"
317th Hist July-Dec 58

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Polmar, p. 604

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2 ND BAT, 2 ND MARINES	LAND AT BEIRUT	15 JULY		IBID
2 ND BAT. 8 TH MARINES	800 MEN AIRLIFTED FROM N.C. → LEBANON	15 JULY		IBID
2 ND DIVISION USMC	ELEMENTS AT CAMP LESTER NC AUTHORIZED FOR DEPLOYMENT, BUT DID NOT DEPLOY	15 JULY		IBID
3 RD BAT. 6 TH MARINES	LAND IN BEIRUT	16 JULY		IBID
BAT. LANDING TEAM 1/8	LAND IN BEIRUT	18 JULY		IBID
LANDING TEAM 2/8 & TRANSPORT SQUADRON 252	LAND IN LEBANON	19 JULY	15 AUG	IBID
BAT. LANDING TEAM 3/3	DEPLOYED TO LEBANON BUT DID NOT LAND	21 JULY		IBID
BAT LANDING TEAM 9 USMC USA 29 TH AIRBORNE	29 TH AIRBORNE BRIGADE RELIEVED BLT/9 AT BEIRUT AIRPORT; BLT/9 REDEPLOYED IN BEIRUT	29 JULY		IBID
2 ND BAT 2 ND MARINES	WITHDRAWN FROM LEBANON, BUT KEPT IN MED	14 AUG		IBID
1/8 AND 2/8 (USMC)	WITHDRAWN FROM LEB & RETURN TO US	15 SEPT		IBID
REGIMENTAL LANDING TEAM 6 (BLT/6 + HQ STAFF)	ARRIVE IN LEBANON	29 SEPT		IBID
RLT/6	DEPART LEBANON	18 OCT	→	IBID
Source: 6 TH Fleet Marines	contingent doubled (over)	✓ 14 May, 58		IBID NY TIMES 15 May 1:2

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12th ~~Inf~~ ^{Marine} Bde
BLT 3/3

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History of 12th Marine
p. 38

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Target country: LebanonType of regime: republic, internal instabilityNames and allegiances of prominent individuals: Pres. Chamoun - called for help - ^{to US, via France - seal border w/ Syria} pro-West - (14 July)Major reaction to incident:

requested UN police force to safeguard borders against foreign infiltration 25 June

Soviet UnionOther ActorsActionWhen

Khrushchev pledged "all the help you need from us" to unite Arab world to Nasser
 launched 3rd satellite
 held announced military maneuvers near Turkish Iranian borders
 Others submarine base in Albania

16 May, 58
 15 May, 58

ActorActionsWhen

U. K.

U. N.

"firmness" - assisted - 2000 paratroopers in Jordan
 sent observers to Lebanon on complaint of UAR interference in internal affairs
 ind. Sec. Gen. Hammarskjöld
 Gen. Ass. resolution asks all members to respect borders, territorial integrity, non-interference in internal affairs, ^{US, UK} begin withdrawing troops

17 July - 29 Oct, 58
 11 June - 14 July
 21 Aug, 58

open conflict between govt + rebel forces; unusually volatile situations in other countries;
 coup in Iraq 14 July; Pres. Chamoun makes anticipated request for help
 unrest begun in May by Muslims w/ reported aid of UAR (~~USMC III~~), 5, pro-Nasser coup 14 July

Diplomatic actions: US demands Leb. sought aid in April, 58; 6th Fleet training, incl. Midshipman, on island N. of Lebanon in June

Official;	Form	Statements	To whom	Date
Pres. Eisenhower	request to UN announcement notification	request Sec. Council to establish international police force; Soviet veto US dispatching force had withdrawal some US forces, working out schedule to remove rest by end of Oct	to U. N. Sec. General	15 July, 58 15 July, 58 26 Sept, 58
<u>Other actions:</u>				
<u>Type of action</u>				<u>Date</u>
U.S. in Jordan? (in Sept?)				17 July, 58

Incident: Lebanon

U. S. Objectives

Stated:

help Pres. Chamoun as asked - "protect American lives" - "assist Lebanon in preserving its political independence." stressed Soviet + Cairo radio broadcast provocations

by whom:

Pres. Eisenhower

Inferred:

by whom:

Outcome

According to U.S. policymakers (include anticipated applicability to similar situations):

revolt ends - friendly govt. retained; proved U.S. willingness to fight to save small friendly powers;
Arab nationalists learn US will oppose it if interferes w/ free world's cold war defense
US not intimidated by Russian rocket vattling while Soviets did not intervene
U.S. 6th Fleet - confident attitude of personnel calmed apprehension (6th Fleet Hist Report 1959)

according to target country:

according to outside observers:

(Chamoun) (Saleh) (?)
A ① Leb govt / ② Insurgents / ③ Syria / ④ Egypt (Nasser) ⑤ Leb Army
T ① " ② "